

Waccamaw Conference

2010 Football Preview

SPREAD OUT

North, South Brunswick turn to spread offenses in 2010

SOUTH BRUNSWICK

Quick facts
3-3 in conference, 5-5 overall
Lost to East Rowan in first round of 3A state playoffs
Coach Roman Kelley (2nd year)

South Brunswick joined the spread revolution this summer, a natural shift considering head coach Roman Kelley was a college quarterback. South has a couple of QBs with decent arms, Nejuan Watts and Cameron Scott, the favorites, and tough sophomore scrapper Jack Mendez likely one for the future. Watts is more of a pure pocket passer but Scott's athleticism and ability to create may see him claim the job.

Either QB faces a tough task running an offense that's new to the Cougars, though they did put in the work over the summer. Easing the pressure on the offense is a turnover-producing defense led by

East Carolina commitment Terrell Stanley. The d-lineman hopes to replicate a first team all-conference season this year, though he'll undoubtedly face more double teams than in 2009.

But even if South will be able to stop opponents, they're going to have to score. Their season depends on the comfort they develop with the spread formations they now run.

Departed
South Brunswick's vaunted running game took a huge hit in the offseason with the graduation of backs Quan Ray, Rashen Bellamy and Kenneth White. A potentially even greater underlying loss is that of linemen Thomas Randolph and Zac Kelly, guys that were



South Brunswick second year head coach Roman Kelley

not only great pulling linemen but unquestioned team leaders as well. The departures of Ray, Bellamy and White also cleaned out the team's defensive secondary.

Returning
Heralded defensive lineman Stanley obviously commands a lot of attention but the three linebackers behind him need to produce to ensure that the double teams he is certain to encounter don't engulf the

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Schedule
August
20 at Midway
27 Ashley
September
3 at Topsail
10 North Myrtle Beach
17 Red Springs
24 West Brunswick
October
1 at West Bladen
8 South Columbus
15 Open
22 at North Brunswick
29 East Bladen
November
5 at Whiteville

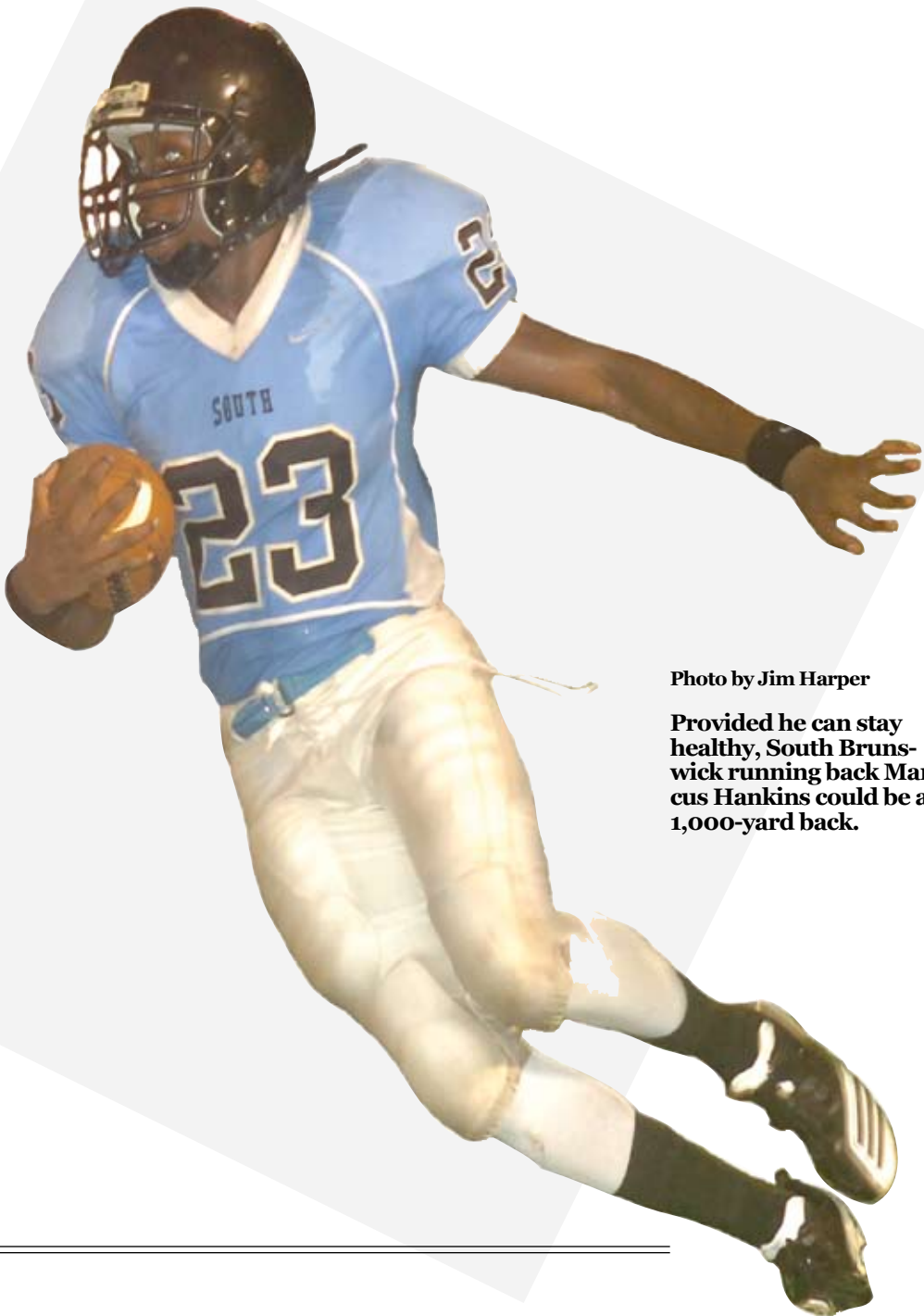


Photo by Jim Harper
Provided he can stay healthy, South Brunswick running back Marcus Hankins could be a 1,000-yard back.

NORTH BRUNSWICK

Quick facts
3-3 in conference, 5-7 overall
Lost to Roanoke Rapids in first round of state 2A playoffs
Coach Garry Bishop (16th season)

Maybe it was peer pressure, or all the cool kids are doing it, but North Brunswick too will be running a spread offense this season, too. In an added wrinkle, the Scorpions, led by one of the most consistent coaches around, Garry Bishop, will be running that spread in a no-huddle offense.

Offensive players will be sporting wristbands with a bevy of plays printed in a tiny font. They may be the most important accessories in the Waccamaw Conference this season because the no-huddle can be immensely difficult to prepare for, especially if the team running it is efficient.

The shift is a natural move for North, a school that never lacks quality athletes. The spread formation should enable those gazelles to get into open space, as well as allowing the team to try to wear down the opposition with a frenetic pace. Let's just hope the wristbands were printed with waterproof ink (only kidding, they're laminated).

Departed
D.J. Graham was a handful for opposing tacklers on his way to rushing for more than 1,000 yards last season. North Brunswick's ability to replace his loss will be one of the telling developments for Bishop's team. Receiver Budd Lennon did a little bit of everything for North Brunswick last year and his athleticism and leadership will be missed. Ditto for starting quarterback A.J. Perkins, whose ability to scramble and create on the fly proved invaluable in several big games for the Scorpions in 2009.

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Schedule
August
20 West Carteret
27 Fairmont
September
3 at Heide Trask
10 at East Columbus
17 Lejeune
24 Whiteville
October
1 at West Brunswick
8 West Bladen
15 at South Columbus
22 South Brunswick
November
5 at East Bladen



North Brunswick head coach Garry Bishop enters his 16th season in Leland



North Brunswick quarterback Chris Hamilton will be charged with keeping everything in order for the Scorpions as they embark on running the no-huddle, spread offense. If successful, the scheme should be organized chaos. It's up to the strong-armed senior to ensure it's not simply chaos.

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Lenon Fisher's East Bladen Eagles are gunning for their second straight conference football title since rejoining the Waccamaw Conference.

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